(vi) Ministry of Environment and Forests has prepared a National Forestry Action Programme to enhance the contribution of forestry and tree resources for ecological stability and people centered development through increased investments in conservation and development of forest resources.

Environmental clearance to irrigation projects of UP

4703. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects of Uttar Pradesh, pending for clearance with Government at present, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when all the irrigation projects likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (C) No irrigation project of Uttar Pradesh is pending for environmental clearance. Only one irrigation project involving 19.171 ha. of forest land for Basti Branch Canal Alignment Km 42.0 to 72.0 under Saryu canal project of Balrampur district of Uttar Pradesh is pending for forestry clearance for want of certain essential information from the State Government.

Progress in Ganga Action Plan

4704. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in implementation of Ganga Action Plan and the scheme-wise and phase-wise expenditure thereon;

(b) how far the implementation is still behind the schedule; and

(c) the steps being taken to complete the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Ganga Action Plan has been taken up in two phases. The Ganga Action Plan Phase I was launched in